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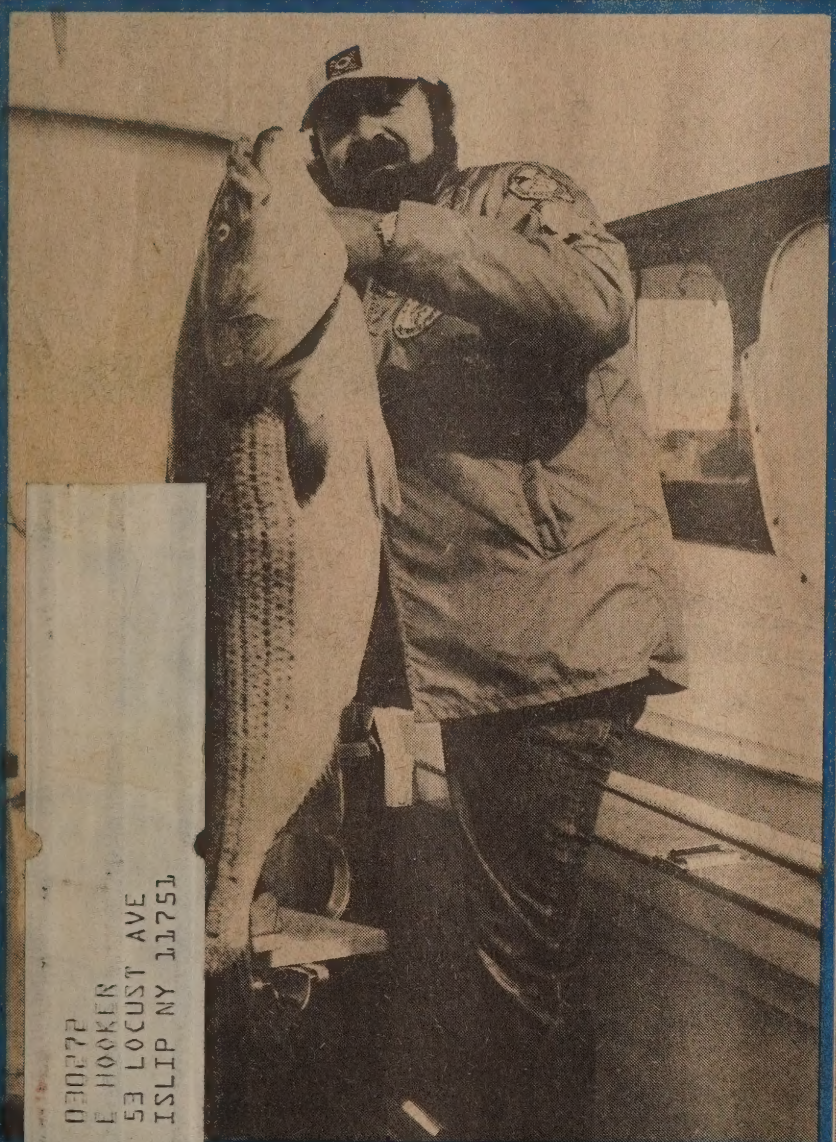

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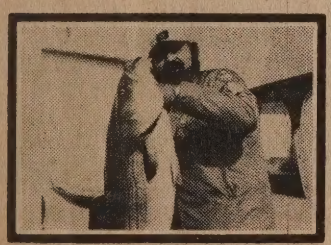

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Walter Kaprielian took this 40 lb. 4 oz. striped bass at Montauk last week. Walter is the author of the new "Captains Cookbook", just published by Holt-Rinehart. Photo courtesy of the Star Island Yacht Club, Montauk.

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CHUM LINES

SUBSCRIBER MAKES OUT!

I enjoy reading of the "once in a lifetime" happenings in The Fisherman. How In envied the great fortune of those who happened upon a school of hungry fish.

Well....it happened to me on Monday, October 4th. I have written you before of my adventures and good fortune in Stony Brook channel and Crane Neck beach.

On Monday, October 4th, high tide occured at approximately 9:35 P.M. I launched my Sears Super Gamefisher at Stony Brook at about 10:00 P.M. and powered with a 6 h.p. Evinrude arrived at Crane Neck at 10:20 P.M. The wind was from the northeast, so I anchored on the southwest side of Crane Neck Point, about one hundred feet from shore. The big boulder that is not quite submerged at high tide lay about 200 feet from my stern...and the current was running nicely.

My usual habit is to let out a plug about fifty to seventy five feet and set the rod in a holder...setting the reel with a relatively light drag. Then I plug cast with a second rig.

I had let out the first line (using an Atom Jr. swimming plug), set the rod in the holder and was about to make my first cast when the unattended rod bent over and started to shake from fish activity. I quickly put down my casting rig and played in a nice blue..about seven pounds.

I freed the plug and let it drift back in the current. Then I set the rod in the holder and went back to my casting rig. After the second cast the unattended rig again showed signs of very active life. This time I had to really move fast to get my casting rig back to the boat. Then I pulled in a ten pound blue on the previously unattended rod.

At that point I made the decision to fish just one rig. So I concentrated on casting...and proceeded to hook up with twelve more blues in a matter of less then 40 minutes. They ranged in size from the ten pounder down to five pounds. At that point I made the decision to quit: I was tired from the lively, uninterrupted action and I had plenty of fish to filet. Believe me...I smiled to myself while motoring back to Stony Brook. It was fantastic!!

On Tuesday I asked the question: "Was it just a one shot happening...or are the fish ganged up at Crane Neck for a stay?" There was only one way to answer the question.

I arrived at Crane Neck at about 11:00 P.M. Again, the wind was from the northeast and my fishing spot was almost glass smooth. There was a gentle ground swell.

First cast with the Atom Jr. I was into a blue of about six pounds. The very next cast produced another, about the same size. At that point I decided to experiment on fishing lures instead of concentrating on catching fish. I put on the Atom Spit 'n popper (the blue and white, 1¼ oz. job) and hooked a blue on the first cast. This particular plug proved to be dynamite this night. I released many fish from it so long as they were able to function without damage.

Note: I forgot to say that on Monday, on two occasions, I pulled in two fish on one plug. It was more than just a little interesting because I had been talking with the Caraftis brothers that morning and they had told me a story about a fellow catching two fish on one plug!!

I cast Tri-fins and round them not quite as effective as the Atom swimmer or popper. The Tri-fins produced fewer strikes and there were many instances of the fish apparently striking short of the hook.

I also tried bucktails with pork rind. These produced the fewest strikes of all. The swimming Rebels (the blue and white and the green and white) ranked third...behind the swimming Atom and the popping Atom.

I forgot to try a Hopkins, and I won't try to guess what the results might have been. The blues were taking almost anything I threw at them, but they did seem to have a preference for some over others. I did note that the darker poppers did not get the action seen by the blue and white popper. I also noted that a very slow retrieve was best for the swimmers and other subs surface lures. The blue and white popper was really interesting because the fish would hit it immediately as it struck the surface of the calm water. I lost many fish before realizing I could improve my chances by closing the bail just as the plug hit the water.

This night's action was considerably better then Monday's (if something can be better than Fantastic). But I measured the results in terms of learning more about fishing rather than in terms of number of fish caught (or pounds of fish caught.)

I tried it again on Wednesday night...along with a neighbor who couldn't resist after hearing my account of the last two nights. The action on Wednesday was not as great as it was on Monday, but it was still very active. We had a double header (two fish on one plug) and we also had fish on our lines at the same time. We only boated eight fish...and lost easily as many due to excitement and carelessness!

Incidentally, the Stony Brook channel, about which I have written you before, was producing big blues for me all through July (the smallest was nine pounds and the largest was just under fifteen pounds). For reasons unknown to me very few people, including the West Meadow Beach residents, fish this spot. It produces fish in broad daylight in full view of boats heading for the Middle Grounds. **Alfred Grebe, Setauket.**

Contests & Tournaments

MONTAUK MARINE BASIN'S BLITZ

The Montauk Marine Basin's 1976 Bass and Blues blitz is in full swing. Anglers may register at the front desk for $1 each and qualify to win an engraved plaque each week being offered to the largest bass and blue and an impressive trophy to the overall winners at the end of December. There are a supply of maps of the Montauk fishing area available for $.50. Send name and address to the Montauk Marine Basin and your map will be mailed to you. The address is Box 610, Montauk, NY 11954.

CLUB NEWS

SEAFORD ROD AND GUN CLUB

The Seaford Rod and Gun Club has some membership openings. Interested parties may call Tim Sutton at 735-9614 anytime.

HIGH HILL STRIPER CLUB

As of the close of September, the High Hill Striper Club leaders for the largest of species are Claude Sommerlatte, with a striped bass of 45 pounds 8 ounces and Al Apmann with a bluefish of 14 pounds 8 ounces. In the weakfish category, a tie exists between Bob Rance and Fred Schwab with fish of 8 pounds 8 ounces.

Incidentally, Al's big bluefish also took top honors in the Club's September contest. Several openings remain on the Club's roster; anyone interested in joining a surf-oriented club should contact Fred Schwab at 516-735-5940.

EDITORIAL

THEY WANT TO TRY AND BUILD THE RYE-OYSTER BAY BRIDGE AGAIN!

"1,200 families—we sometimes call them bird watchers—sabotaged the Oyster Bay Bridge, which helped make Long Island a dead end."

Opposition to the bridge did not make Long Island into a dead end, nature did, and most of us like it that way. The "dead end" qualities of Long Island are what attracted many residents to settle and enjoy its peaceful beauty and it is these qualities that attract millions of tourists and vacationers each year. It is a place, in many of our minds, where we can retreat from the stresses and strains of our daily lives just by going home. Boating, fishing, sailing, water skiing, nature appreciation, and outdoor living are to be found in our own backyards.

But supporters of the bridge care little about these unique qualities of Long Island life. They care about the dollars that will be generated for their bank accounts by increased industry and profits.

Rocco Campanaro, Executive Vice President of the Long Island Federation of Labor, was quick to point out that a bridge would result in lower freight rates and attract needed industry. But State Senator Ralph J. Marino, an opponent of the bridge, argued that instead of a bridge we should be encouraging more freight traffic on the Long Island Railroad, which might lower commuter fares, reduce the number of trucks on Long Island roads, and bolster the economy. We agree!

In recent discussions with the Department of Environmental Conservation about the noticeable absence of large quantities of bait and gamefish in Long Island Sound the past few years and the overall declining quality of sportfishing all around Long Island, it was pointed out that increased population pressure which results from more industry, vehicle traffic, and private homes could be the culprit. Industry produces wastes and chemical pollution, roadways leak road salt and tar into our waterways, and private citizens have negative impact on our environment via sewage, garden fertilizer, detergents and solid wastes. Do we really need more industry which will need more roads and bring a new population boom? We at The Fisherman think not!

We believe that the improvement of Long Island's economic picture is not dependent on industry. We should have learned our lesson. Republic and Grumman, along with other postwar growth in a variety of businesses put a rosy gloss on our economy during the fifties and sixties. But when the contracts were not renewed the jobs went with them. Instead, we should promote an economy based upon our individuality. In the long run it is the only way that we can have a stable economy. People will always come to the place and the people that supply them with goods and services that they cannot find elsewhere.

What will be the future for Long Island's baymen if population and industry continue to expand on Long Island? And if the baymen go what will happen to the industry known as Long Island Seafood?

What will be the future of Long Island's sportfishery if population and industry expand. If there are few fish to catch who will seek them out? What then happens to the party boats, charter boats, boat liveries, bait and tackle dealers, and our tourism?

Will people continue to swarm to the east end of Long Island for a peaceful week or weekend when the picturesque farms, forests, marshes, and streams are uglied by trash and pollution?

What will happen to Long Island's renowned restaurant industry, so dependent upon fresh Long Island Seafood and the serenity of a table that overlooks a beautiful bay or harbor?

We think that the negative impact of a bridge far out-weighs any minor positive effects—especially in the long run. We think that a bridge across the sound will help the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Maybe we won't lose any dollars, you and I, if the bridge is built, but we will surely lose more of the beauty and quality of our lives on Long Island.

Please write to your State Assemblymen and Senators. Tell them that you are against the Long Island Sound Bridge regardless of where the crossing may be made. Tell them that the riches of Long Island are already here. Ask them to join you in search of them.

William A. Fuller

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In photo top left, Shakespeare Rep. Dick Mermon demonstrates "non-breakability" of a light Ugly Stick by hoisting a 10 lb. weight off the ground.

Whiting Evans

The Casting Gourmet

Crabmeat Cornucopia; A Fish Chowder, More Tuna Recipes

Not once in my repertoire of recipes which have been published in the Long Island Fisherman have I mentioned the subject of crab meat—that delicious source of protein whether culled from a Dungeness, king, blue, or snow crab. Upon that subject, I am about to make amends by giving you what appears to me to be an appealing, delicious, low caloried, flavorful and easy-to-make salad. It originates with the National Fisheries Service and it tastes as scrumptious as it looks in the picture.

CRABMEAT CORNUCOPIA

1 pound crabmeat (fresh or frozen) or
2 cans (6½ or 7½ oz. ea) crabmeat
½ cup salad dressing or mayonnaise
2 teaspoons sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
4 teaspoons grated orange rind
1 cup thinly sliced celery
1 cup orange section halves, well drained
½ cup sliced, pitted ripe olives
2 tablespoons sliced green onions
crisp salad greens
6 avocado halves, or 6 1 inch slices of peeled cantaloupe or grapefruit or orange baskets.

Thaw the frozen crabmeat and drain well. Remove any remaining cartilage or shell. Mix salad dressing or mayonnaise, sugar, lemon juice and orange rind. Combine well-chilled crabmeat, celery, oranges, olives and onions. Add salad dressing mixture; toss lightly. Serve on crisp salad greens, plain or in avocado halves, center of melon slices, or orange or grapefruit baskets. Makes 5 cups of salad mixture for about 6 servings.

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Perhaps some of you may have tried the recipes for that Old South Clam or Conch Chowder and Old South Hush Puppies which appeared in my last column. If you did, you will surely want to try what is known as Arthur Butt's Fish Chowder taken from his Florida Heritage Cookbook.

ARTHUR BUTT FISH CHOWDER

2 large Bermuda onions, chopped fine
1 potato diced fine
2 cups canned tomatoes
6 cups raw okra, chopped
1 pound butter
1 bottle catsup
1 4 or 5 pound striped bass or any other kind of fish or its equivalent.
3 dashes Tobasco sauce
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
Salt and pepper

Cook at lowest heat at all times. Cook onion, potato, tomatoes and okra until thoroughly done. Add butter and catsup and cook until mixture darkens. Fillet and bone fish. Cut in small bite-sized pieces. Add to other ingredients and cook for about 15 minutes. Serve over sea biscuit, Uneeda Biscuit, toast or corn bread. Total cooking time is one hour.

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Mrs. Marjorie St. Pierre of Floral Park, New York, one of my respondents to my plea for recipes and suggestions, submits the two following formulas for preparing fresh tuna. (Yes, you can still catch giant tuna in waters off Massachusetts and Nova Scotia until the middle of November!) She describes the first one as "Delicious" and the second as "Yum-yum."

TUNA STEAK A LA MARJORIE

Cut tuna into 1 inch slices. Dip into 1 cup of flour mixed with 1 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Fry and set

aside to keep warm. Slice onions in a fry pan and simmer with mint leaves (dry or fresh) until cooked to desired tenderness. Add the steak, ¼ cup of red vinegar, a few cloves and allow to stand for a few minutes. Serve!

TUNA PIZZIOLA

In this recipe Marjorie gives us no definite amounts or quantities of this or that. She no doubt surmises that we are all as excellent at the range as she is and that we can just use our common sense as to how much of each ingredient should be used.

She advises a mixture of chopped parsley, grated cheese, salt and pepper, capers (washed clean of packing oil, vinegar or salt) and a pinch of garlic. (Apropos of the word "garlic": Henri Charpentier, that eminent chef whose name I have mentioned on several occasions, used to advise all brides-to-be to be sure to always keep garlic and sherry in her future kitchen and to acquire the knowledge of how and when to use same. Then, he assured her, "You'll never have to worry about your husband's leaving you."

Marjorie then says to take a chunk of tuna and to make holes in it with your finger and then to stuff these holes with the mixture as shown above. Then, one should brown the tuna in a fry pan and add 1 can of cook sauce (Del Monte or whatever). Season this sauce with more salt and pepper, garlic and basil and then simmer until the tuna is cooked. (Thank you—Marjorie.)

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Here's an old-fashioned tuna favorite. A classic tuna sandwich with a FLAIR.

BROILED TUNA BURGERS

1 can (6½ or 7½ oz.) tuna drained and flaked
⅓ cup bread crumbs
⅓ cup chopped celery
¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese
3 tablespoons minced onion
2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
½ teaspoon lemon juice
1 egg, beaten
4 hamburger buns, split
lettuce
tomato slices

Combine tuna, crumbs, celery, cheese, onion and pickle relish. Blend mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice, and egg; stir into tuna mixture. Press into four patties. Broil 3 to 5 minutes on each side, 5 inches from heat. Serve on buns with lettuce and tomato.

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Surf Side with Mark Savad

BLACKFISH AT SILVER POINT

The Silver Point Jetty majestically arches into the sea where the Atlantic Ocean flows into Reynolds Channel and on the shore to Atlantic Beach. It is a haven for the eager fisherman at any time of the year, but especially in the spring. Large bass have been taken with lures and live eels at night and bluefish and weakfish are also available. In season fluke and flounder yield an incredible variety and it is a general rule that a day's catch will prove to be a mixed bag. Seabass are also caught. My favorite target for fishing here is the rock loving tautog.

I have fished the jetty for about seven years now and feel knowledgeable enough to share some of what I have learned. The jetty is relatively safe and easy to walk on compared to the Rockaway Jetty but it takes awhile to get the feel of walking on the rocks. Slow and easy is the first thing to remember on a maiden voyage to the jetty. The place for blacks is at the end of the jetty. Be prepared to use 30 or 40 pound test and have a multitude of hooks and sinkers. As with any rocky area tackle is bound to get hung up. After a few trips you learn most of the common snag points, as well as the holes for the bigger fish. I am usually satisfied by catching a dozen blacks. Most of the time this is the yield and rarely have I ever been skunked. From the end of April until some time in June blacks supply great sport and great food. My first trip this year was at the end of April and I caught my dozen up to 2 pounds. The following week the water was very rough, and I caught only six but I had one of three pounds and two larger ones that broke off. Realizing that big fish were available I waited a day or so for the surf to ease off and on a weekday headed back. Usually I go with my dearest friends but fate has it that they work during the week so I ventured out alone. I picked up a dozen skimmers at Stella Maris in Brooklyn and reached the beach at 7 A.M.. The high tide being noon I had plenty of time.

The beach is open through Memorial Day and the walk along the beach takes about fifteen minutes. The beach was blanketed with clams and I spent twenty minutes gathering and shucking the extra bait. Often the beach is full of bait but I never rely on it alone. As I reached the jetty I saw a few newcomers to the jetty who were fishing the bay side for blacks, not the prime place. I suggested they saunter out to the tip and together we made our way, baited up, and fished. They told me they had heard of a blackfish blitz at Silver Point. From 8 til 9:30 I had three small fish and they had none. They wished me good luck and left. I was not giving up so easily and before they had made it back to the beach things began to rip. For the next two hours I was all by myself bailing blacks. At 11:30 some others showed up. My bucket was full. Thirty blacks up to four and one quarter pounds. Another of four pounds, and many throwbacks. I could have caught more but I never could have carried them home. I packed up, cleaned my fish and left.

For several years I watched as some senior citizens of the jetty made me look like a cripple when it came to fishing. It was a great victory for me to observe, gather my thoughts and apply them to the task and succeed.

Before July gets here get yourself to Silver Point, hopefully to fish the incoming tide and best in the morning. Skimmers and fiddlers are the bait. I use a nine foot medium action surf pole and a Mitchell 402 which works but is not the best tools for the jetty. Ideally if you can handle a conventional reel and stiff 8-10 foot stick you are best prepared.

You can learn more there in a few trips about tides, various fish, and sea life then you will most other places and the cost is a heck of a lot lower then on a boat. The blacks start to spawn in the end of June so there is still plenty of time to get out there and catch some fish. If you haven't hooked into a lively black or eaten one you have a great thrill ahead.. They are scrappy fighters and are good to eat. They can be baked, broiled or fried. The jetty offers a lot if you are willing to learn. Fluke, bass, and sea bass are there when you have had your fill of blackfish. It's a long walk but well worth it and the jetty attracts a most colorful crowd. All ages and races gather together each weekend to catch fish. Come join the fun, see you at the jetty.

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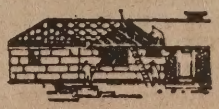

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Fall Bass Run

by Al Ristori

Now is the time! If you ever wanted to catch a striped bass, it's time to make your move. October and the first half of November are traditionally the periods of the fall migratory run from the south side of Cape Cod south to New Jersey. The weather is often lousy, but each storm brings new opportunities to those willing to brave the elements.

It used to be that September was just as productive a month as October, but the migratory run seems to start later every year. Last year, the run was exceptionally late reaching the New York harbor area, though that was probably due to the unusually mild fall weather. However, there does appear to be a trend toward concentration of the total striped bass population. Despite record high prices and ever increasing pressure government statistics indicate a steady drop in striped bass landings during the past few years. With few small bass in evidence this year, there is every indication that this trend will continue. As noted in a previous article, there hasn't been a good year class since 1970 leaving areas that used to abound with small bass almost totally dependent on larger fish. The situation is particularly critical at the outer limits of the migratory range. Maine, which always seemed to have unlimited numbers of small stripers in its rivers, has experienced two straight seasons with practically no schoolies. The story from western Long Island Sound, usually the summering ground for millions of Hudson River bass, isn't much better.

With population levels low, it's not surprising that the migratory runs tend to be of shorter duration. Nevertheless, the persistent angler can still score big by being at the right place at the right time. Unfortunately, there's no simple means of ensuring that you'll be there "when it happens" unless you put in the time. The first rule is not to put much faith in the weather reports. It's amazing what science has done in recent years. They've put men on the moon and a camera on Mars, but the weather forecasts aren't one iota better then they were when I was a kid—and they weren't worth much then!

Weather forecasts are unreliable in the summer, when the weather is relatively consistent. With storm after storm moving through in the fall, they become even worse. Even if the storms do follow their track, they'll often arrive earlier or later than forecast. If you aren't there, you'll often miss out on a good opportunity. On the last night in September, there was a forecast for Montauk of rain and wind. As it turned out, the bad conditions didn't arrive until almost midnight and I was able to pick up five big bass under flat calm, mild conditions. Even during storms, there

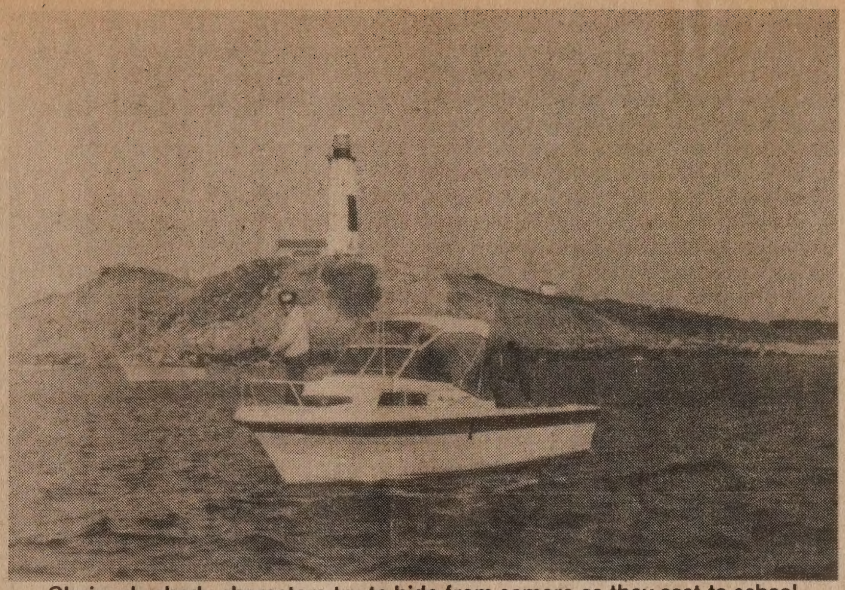
Author with bass of 42 and 55 pounds trolled off Nauset Beach, Cape Cod, when I was trailering a Mako 19 to that area for the fall fishing.

can be a lull. This happened during the Deep Sea Clubs' Full Moon Tournament last fall. A northeaster blew in Friday night and was supposed to stay with us the entire weekend. However, I woke up Saturday morning to find it blowing hard from the southwest—fishable conditions at Montauk. By evening, the northeaster returned for the balance of the tournament, but in the meantime, the winner had taken his fish and I got the second and third place bass, plus some big blues.

The northeast storms that keep us ashore so frequently during the fall are really a blessing in disguise. It's these storms that concentrate the fish and lead to the blitzs that we all hope to be in on. The normal condition is for the northeaster to blow a day or two, followed by an equally strong, clearing wind from the northwest. Areas in the lee of the northwester (Rhode Island, south shore of Long Island, Jersey coast) should see action quickly. Those areas exposed to the northwester may have to wait awhile until it moderates slightly, though that doesn't apply to surfcasters who frequently have their best innings during the full force of that wind. This classic situation occurred two years ago in mid-October. After sitting on the beach for two days, I was finally able to get Nelson Bryant, outdoor writer of the New York Times, and Jack Samson, editor of Field & Stream, out in my Mako 22. It was still blowing northwest about 20 mph, but we didn't have to go any further than Shagwong. Trolling produced a few fish as the sun was setting. Then I noticed a concentration of working birds and we got into the best surface action I've ever experienced on the reef. During the next several nights, the trolling action was sensational for fish ranging up to 40 pounds. It continued that way up to the full moon. Then we got into a protracted period of Indian summer weather and the fishing dropped dead! If there's any general rule that can be developed for timing fall trips, it's to be on the scene immediately after a storm and avoid calm days long after a storm has passed by. Generally this will work out—but I wouldn't bet on it!

Where to fish in the fall? The entire area is good, though it's rare that all areas are "hot" at once. Though a Long Island native, I learned bass fishing while traveling in Massachusetts during the sixties and will be forever spoiled as a result. The Cape produced a 61 pounder, and three others in the fifties for me, plus thousands of big and small bass. Stan Gibbs was one of my mentors then, and most of the schoolies I caught were taken with Pencil Poppers, a type of fishing we see all too little of these days. The best of the fall fishing was concentrated in Pleasant Bay, Monomoy Point and off Nantucket. Fishing in Pleasant Bay was mostly a nighttime proposition with live eels. I haven't fished there in a couple of years, but the last time I spent two evenings casting live eels with Jimmy Andrews, of Chatham, we totaled 20 bass that averaged 30 pounds! It's been even longer since I've fished off Monomoy in the fall. However, I'll never forget the incredible concentrations of bass that would result in an angler with a dozen big bass complaining about the tough day he'd had.

Nantucket had the greatest concentrations of bass in the sixties that I've ever seen. It was, and still is, a hard place to fish from a boat in the late fall as the boats must beat their way across often rough water from the Cape. I used to fish this area with the late Capt. Bud Henderson, of Chatham. Bud would stop taking charter parties in mid-October and go market fishing with handlines. I'd go along occasionally to fish a rod and reel over and around Bud's five handlines. It wasn't easy, but I managed 54 bass and one cod one day! Bud left early that day with over a ton aboard. An average day would produce about 700-1200 pounds. This wasn't sophisticated fishing. Bud used a bucktail and



Obviously shady characters try to hide from camera as they cast to school bass under Montauk Light. Boat appears to be stolen from Long Island Fisherman.

A "typical" (we hope), scene at Montauk in the fall—hundreds of birds working on bait chased by blues and albacore between North Bar and Jones Reef.

pork rind on monofilament, with a small drail. All one had to do to find fish was look in the air. The clouds of birds would appear as if they were hovering over a garbage dump! Bud would troll right through the schools, which were so thick that it was almost impossible to put them down. Bass would hit the short handlines in the wake as if they were school tuna. They still catch great numbers of bass off Nantucket in the fall, but now it's mostly blind fishing in the rips with wire line. I doubt if there's any place with better surf fishing for both bass and big blues, as many Long Island sharpshooters have discovered in recent years.

Martha's Vineyard and Cuttyhunk are also great bass areas, but the action tends to die out there sooner than at Nantucket—where it's good to mid-November. The Rhode Island coast is a surfcasters paradise. Even the angler without a beach buggy is in great shape there as the breachways are easily accessible. I well remember one frightfully cold Halloween night when I arrived at Charlestown Breachway in a roaring northwester, only to find that I'd miscalculated the tides and was hours early for outgoing water. Being enveloped in half a ton of insulated underwear and outerware, I decided to cast from the breachway into the towering waves heading for the beach. That decision resulted in bass of 34 and 38 pounds within a half-hour, the best fishing I ever had there!

As it is the case almost everywhere, fishing at Montauk isn't what it used to be. In the fifties, Al Urban was accounting for fifty 50 pounders a year by casting plugs! Even in the sixties, 50 pounders weren't uncommon. However, in recent years, you can count the number of 50's caught at Montauk on the fingers of one or two hands. Last year, even forty pounders were scarce, though our results this spring provide some encouragement in this department. In looking back on the days in the late sixties when I first started fishing Montauk from my own boat, I'm amazed at how relatively easy it was to catch bass in those days. Surfacing fish were common and we often had great sport with popping plugs. Ray Prescott and I would troll the Point at night without a fathometer or any knowledge of the rips and still come up with a half a dozen bass in the twenties within a few hours. I suspect we'd be lucky to come up with anything in that fashion today!

Despite the tremendous increase in pressure on an apparently diminishing resource, you can still enjoy fine fishing at Montauk in the fall. Though the comparative lack of small bass will probably hold down catch levels, the large charter fleet will produce bass quite consistently. For the uninitiated it will be good fishing. The only ones who'll find it hard to accept will be the old timers who were spoiled by the boat loads of bass in a few hours that was standard in past years. Since they usually don't have to run any further then the Point, Montauk charter boats usually make half-day trips. However, if the fishing is inconsistent, it would be wise to spend the extra money and charter for the day. With two tides to work with, the skipper will almost surely produce a good catch. Almost all charter boat fishing is done with wire line and either umbrella rigs or bucktail jigs. It's productive, but not very sporting. Many private boats are now turning to diamond jigs and catching well, while enjoying the fishing.

When school fish are present, it's often possible to do a job with light tackle under the light, or along various south shore areas. Small bucktail and pork rind combos worked slowly near the bottom will do the job. Always keep an eye out for birds and surface action. These days it's most likely to be small blues, but you might get lucky and hit bass. Even when the surface action appears to be all blues, it often pays to try jigging off bottom for bass.

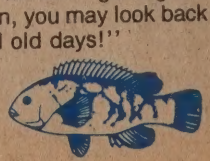
While a few large bass are taken during the day, it's night fishing that produces jumbos on a regular basis. As previously noted, it was possible even a few years ago to run around in circles and still do quite well. Unfortunately, that's no longer the case. It's now important to know every ripple in the rips and every lump on open ground if you're to succeed consistently. It also requires time, as the fish may hit only during a specific portion of the tide. It isn't easy, but the rewards are great as nightime fish usually average 20 pounds or better and frequently are over 30. Surprisingly, it's not easy to arrange a night charter. Most charter captains are tired enough after putting in two 5-6 hour trips during the day. Capt. Frank Braddick is one of the few regular charter skippers that fishes at night. His "Hurry-Up" is a regular visitor to the rips at the point around the full moon period, but you'll have to call long in advance to get a date. Top lures for night fishing are plugs, tubes, rigged eels and Alous.

During the past few years, the Orient area has taken the spotlight away from Montauk for big bass. Huge catches have come out of Plum Gut and from the Old Silas area, both day and night. Few Orient and Greenport boats bother to go as far as the Race for their nightime fishing. That area is frequented primarily by New London area craft. Though many methods are used, the most popular are drifting bucktail jigs and fishing live bunkers and eels. Fishing pressure in this area has increased tremendously in the past few years, but is still light as compared to Montauk.

Last October the fishing was very dissapointing along the south shore of Long Island and the Jersey coast. Exceptionally warm weather held up the run, but led to fine fishing in November. Normally the prime time in that area should be from mid-October to mid-November. Trolling is the usual method, with the top producers being bunker spoons, umbrella rigs, and bucktails. As always, live bunkers will do the job, if available. For fairly consistent catches of big bass, it's hard to beat the Sandy Hook area. Lots of top notch charter boats are available at such ports as Freeport, Atlantic Beach, Sheepshead Bay, Atlantic Highlands, Brielle, and Belmar. In order to get the best, it's important to make early reservations.

As the bulk of the fish leave northerly areas, fishing in south Jersey and the Delaware coast picks up. Cape May produced quite a few big bass last fall and Delaware sometimes gets a tremendous run of big bass in November or December. By late November the focal point of the fishing swings towards the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, and December is often good at Cape Hatteras though the winter run has failed there the last two years. Surfcasters still get in their licks on big blues (though they too have become picky), but Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Rhode Island and Montauk are better bets for the shore sport.

The fall bass run may not be as great as some of those we've experienced in the past, but it's sure to be better than the summer fishing which has been dissapointing everywhere. By playing your cards right on the storms, and with any reasonable effort, you should come up with some pretty decent bass fishing. Indeed, if we don't get a good year class pretty soon, you may look back on this as the "good old days!"



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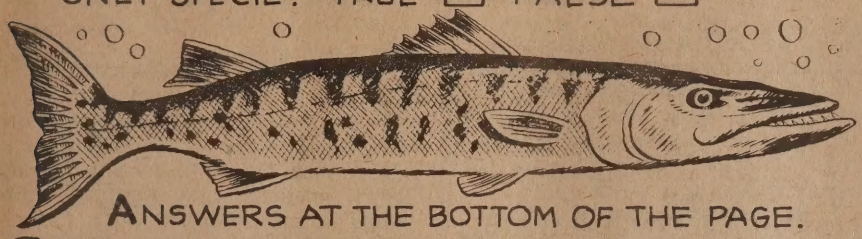

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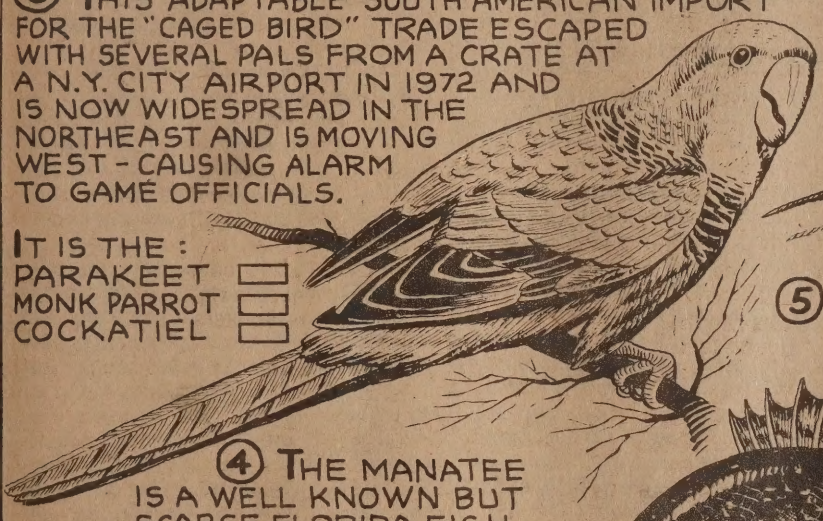

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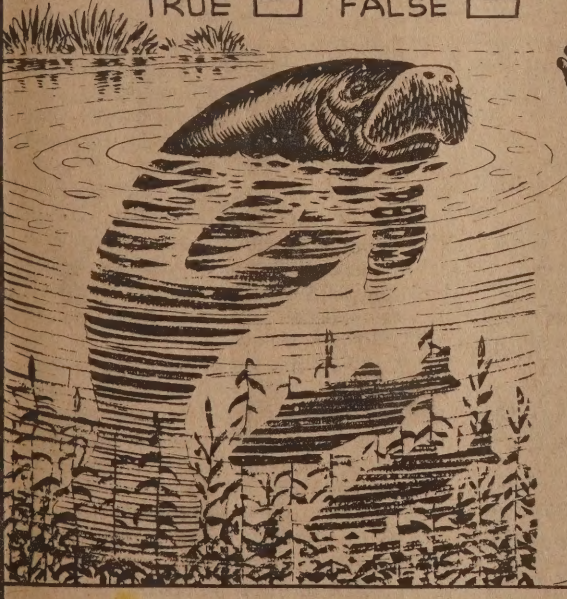

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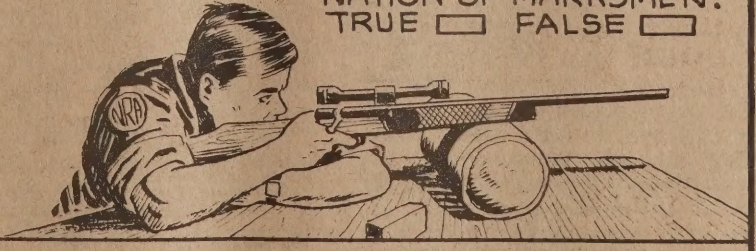

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Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

FALL FLOUNDER FROM SHORE

"There's only about ten feet of water out there," my buddy Nick Hauck commented as he cast and felt his sinker hit bottom. "You sure you catch big flounders from here?"

"Never miss," I replied. "Well..... almost never."

Nick and I were fishing from the end of the bulkheading at the northwest corner of Shinnecock Canal. Our intent was to get some of the Peconic Bay flounder available here in late October.

I always enjoy fishing this particular area as some fall flatties reach two pounds. At times, flounder of this size are common enough so as not to call for undue attention from the many fishermen who frequent this excellent fishing spot. I have seen an occasional three-pounder taken—which any sinker bouncer will agree is pretty good for shore flounder fishing; but I've never been that lucky yet!

While Nick awaited our first action, I busied myself baiting each of my two hooks with a slice of soft clam, then cast out to the Canal's center, momentarily expecting the tell tale tug of a fall flounder.

"Just as soon as this tide gets higher, we should do okay," I remarked, glancing about. There were three nearby fishermen, and perhaps a half dozen more scattered along the jetty. I noticed one jetty fisherman reeling in a flounder, and I figured we were about due.

Several minutes passed by.

And then Nick suddenly lifted his rod with a quick flip of the wrist. "Gotcha! Here's a number one!"

He soon lifted a fat one-pounder onto the bulkhead, unhooked it and dropped it into the plastic bucket, then adjusted the bait and made another cast to the same spot. He immediately hooked a mate to the first one.

"Told you," I said. "We're in now."

We continued picking away at the fish for several hours until the height of the barely moving tide forced open the tidal gates at the locks. Now, the force of the current quickly increased, and it became impossible to hold bottom with our rigs. It was time to quit. Twenty-one flounder averaging about one pound apiece lay in the bucket, with the largest a shade over two. There were no throw-backs, which is usually the way when fall flounder fishing at this particular spot.

Depending upon where the fishing is done, and the season of the year, shore flounder fishing is usually productive. Although most fishermen admit spring time produces more flounder then does fall, all agree the later season produces larger flounder. I know from my own experience that this is true.

To be successful while shore flounder fishing isn't difficult but the fisherman must have some background know-how. I am sure novice fishermen find this hard to believe, especially as they watch fishermen hooking flounder with apparent ease. It all seems as easy as ABC. But don't be fooled; this happens because these lucky fishermen have much experience behind them.

Most all fishing methods are based on common sense. Therefore the fisherman must possess a degree of knowledge besides the basics of baits and riggings. For instance: what's the profit in knowing these basics if you fish in polluted water? It will avail you naught, because as every experienced sinker bouncer will tell you, flounder demand a clean environment. If your last cast carried the bait through a surface film of oil, better change it and cast elsewhere. Flounder will absolutely refuse a bait tainted with oil or gasoline.

And by the same token, if in your daily job you are required to handle pertroleum products, you'd better have well scrubbed hands before baiting up. And don't forget too, that flounder must be hunted. That is why you will see experienced fishermen walking along their fishing area if the fish don't respond in a reasonable amount of time. Sometimes a move of twenty-five feet makes all the difference in the world.

These examples are but some of the "little" things experienced shore fishermen have discovered through long association with the game. It therefore behooves beginning fishermen to take a page or two from the master fisherman's "book of knowledge" and modify their fishing methods to his. Their methods always work.

Take the simple method of rigging terminal tackle You will certainly catch more flounder if your hooks are tandem tied. Most fishermen do this, but it is surprising how many flounder anglers employ the high-low rig used aboard deep-sea party boats. Double-headers are common when flounder fishing, but because the flattie is strictly a bottom feeder, it is a rare occasion when dubs are hooked with a high-low rig.

By tandem tying two hooks and placing them two inches above the sinker, with or without the aid of a three-way swivel, you are assured that both hooks will be on the bottom. To make sure of this, bend the snell of one hook at its middle and pass this fold through the knotted loop of the other. Then take this second hook and pass it through the fold of the first hook. Pull tightly, and secure with an overhand knot. Simple.

I don't know why so many beginning fishermen insist upon using those abominations called flounder spreaders. They are unwieldly on light tackle, tough to cast, snag on the slightest obstruction, and seem to have an affinity for every drifting piece of seaweed in the vicinity.

Rarely will you see expert flounder fishermen using a spreader. That should be tip-off enough. Should you happen to see one of these gentlemen using one, you may be sure there is good reason for it. (Take it from me, master fishermen do nothing without good reason.) It is therefore advisable to ascertain why a spreader is being used. You may discover something that may otherwise take years of trial and error to discover on your own. But you absolutely cannot go wrong if you tandem tie your hooks for starters.

The shore flounder fisherman will find a light spinning rod and matching reel best. When using a two ounce bank sinker and six to eight pound test monofilament, there is no difficulty getting the bait out to the feeding fish. Unless you are fortunate enough to find a place where sufficient depth of water is close by, conventional tackle leaves much to be desired when shore fishing.

The standard flounder hook is the Chestertown in sizes nine or ten—with nine preferred. This hook has been designed primarily for flounder. Its long shank makes hook removal easy. Another good hook, though, is the number six regular shanked Sproat. You can usually get these in well-stocked tackle shops. Sometimes called "trout" hooks by freshwater fishermen, these have excellent hooking and holding qualities. I'm positive I must be using these hooks for at least forty-years, probably longer and you couldn't get me to go back to Chestertowns on a bet.

Bait for flounder is an item seldom given much thought by novice shore fishermen. The typical beginner goes forth armed with a couple dozen sand or bloodworms, hies himself to the nearest

bit of water, and depending upon time of year, his day is either highly successful, or one leaving much to be desired.

Notice the emphasis on the above phrase: "depending upon time of year." That, I believe is the key to selecting the correct bait for shore flounder fishing. When fishing during the early part of October, the fisherman can hardly go wrong by using worms—sand for the north shore, and blood for all south shore waters. But, and this is a big but, as soon as that water loses its last trace of summer's warmth, the fisherman is advised to put most of his trust in clam, particularly soft clam (steamer). This chilling of the water usually occurs during the third week of October. By the time November is at hand, all warmth has been dissipated.

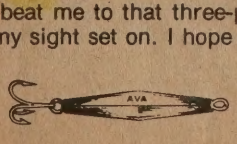
Soft clams are obtainable at fish markets. They can also be dug at low tide on sheltered flats. A good substitute for the soft clam is the well known chowder, or hard clam. Fresh skimmer are also good, but these work best during the cold month of December.

When using worm, don't use small pieces. It is surprising how many large baits attract flounder. Don't let that small mouth fool you. If you cut your worm into inch and a half pieces, you'll have everything in your favor. Allow the hook to protrude a quarter inch from the end. This is important. Doing so gives the bait a natural appearance. Don't bunch your bait if you want to catch good-sized flounder.

Clam should be cut into thin, inch and a half slices and used by weaving the hook through several times. Don't forget to let that all-important quarter inch trail in the current. This is what makes the bait attractive. It often makes the difference between a good catch and one that is mediocre. When using soft clam, cut the neck into two or more pieces, depending on size. Trim away the black skin. When placing on the hook, make sure the widest part, the part which would be nearest the clam's stomach in its natural state, is weaved on last. This will soften in the water making it extremely attractive. Flounder dote on soft bait.

Chowder clam being thick should be sliced thinly, and each piece divided in half lengthways. Fresh skimmer (or those without the addition of salt) should be prepared the same way as chowder clam. "Strings" on all clam should be used whenever possible. You will find these often outfish the clam itself.

Try shore flounder fishing soon. I know you'll enjoy it. And who knows, you may beat me to that three-pounder I've got my sight set on. I hope you do.



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with Scott Simons

RANDOM SHOTS

CARTWRIGHT BLUES: Last Wednesday I had one of those fishing trips that every angler dreams about...catching monster bluefish as fast as you could get your rig in the water. Along on the trip were Chuck Williams, Sales Manager and Bob, President of Guinan Printing, the outfit that does the actual printing of The Fisherman. I had promised them a great day of fishing at Montauk, but even I was surprised at how great the day really turned out to be.

Bass fishing hadn't been as good as it should have been this time of year, largely due to the seemingly endless strong winds that have plagued Long Island since the beginning of October. So I was not expecting much in the bass department, and played it safe and picked up a flat of herring at the Star Island Yacht Club just in case I had to run to the Cartwright Grounds to find some action. Captain Brad Glas of the "Helen II" had told me Sunday night that the bluefish there were real gorilla's and were eating everything that was thrown in the water.

The water was still a little sloppy after several days of strong gale-force winds, but it was a comfortable ride at a moderate speed from the Montauk jetties to the Pollack Rip. It was the last of the outgoing tide which is usually prime bassing time in the fall at Montauk. But the wire liners working the rip were producing little for their efforts except an occasional small bluefish so after an hour we pulled in our diamond jigs and headed south for the Cartwright Grounds.

After about a half an hour ride we arrived at the Outer Cartwright area, which is south of the Montauk Lighthouse in about 110 feet of water. Normally I stop in closer, around 80 feet of water, but I had spotted the red hull of the "Helen II" on the horizon and past experience had taught me that wherever Captain Brad anchors-up there is a good population of bluefish around. We still were rigged up with diamond jigs, so I told Chuck and Bob to start squidding & if they didn't hook up soon we would anchor-up and switch to fishing the whole herring on the bottom.

We didn't have a hit for about the first five minutes, then Bob hooked-up with the first bluefish. Before he could bring fish to gaff, Chuck and I also had blues slam our jigs as we rapidly retrieved them to the surface. The real shocker was when the fish were finally gaffed and hauled over the side of the boat into the cockpit...three bluefish out of the same mold, all fifteen pound gorillas! The ensuing action was constant, and in the next two hours it was very rare not to have at least two of the rods doubled over with big blues. After I had taken about a half-dozen of the big slammers I'd had my fill for awhile and mated for Chuck and Bob. Whenever I saw that one of them had his fish just about whipped and nearing the surface, I'd drop my jig over the side, quickly hook-up with another blue and then stick the rod in a rod holder after easing up on the drag. So as soon as I gaffed a fish for one of them, I'd stick another rod in their hands right away that always had a bluefish on. The only time they had a chance to rest was when I moved the boat back up-current to start another drift.

The main fish box quickly filled up, so I emptied out the fish box forward of the console that I used for storing gear and that one also was filled with bluefish in short order. Out of room to store the blues that were coming over the side in rapid succession, I blocked the walkways on the side of the center console so that the space between the front of the fish box and the casting platform could be used as an open fishwell. The blues were thrown into this well, and they promptly painted the inside of the boat with blood and created one heck of a mess to clean up back at the dock.

After two hours of this constant action both Chuck and Bob finally became weary and were more then happy to call it a day. We left the blues still biting and on the ride back to the Point I could actually feel the sluggishness of the boat from the weight of the bluefish we had caught...and no wonder. Back at the Star Island Yacht Club, we threw 43 bluefish up on the dock. The vast majority of the fish were fifteen pounders, four or five went 17 pounds and there were only two or three "small" bluefish of about 12 pounds.

Throughout the trip we were in close proximity to the "Helen II", as I was doing the camera bit taking some action photo for an article next season on fishing for these Monster Montauk Blues at Cartwright with whole herring for bait. A whole herring is rigged on a tandem hook attached with a sash-chain to an 8 or 10 ounce drail and is fished near the bottom. The "Helen II" is the only open boat sailing out of Montauk during the daytime for this type of fishing, so if you want to get in on this monster bluefishing without wire line I strongly recommend making a trip with Captain Brad Glas for some of the greatest bluefishing you'll ever experi-

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ince. Both the "Peconic Queen III" and he "Viking Starlite" are making night rips as open boats to the Cartwright Grounds and are also cleaning up on the ish. Small or large group charters can be arranged on Captain Dick vigilant's charterboat "Triton II", which also specializes in bottom fishing with the herring. Many of the local six-man charter boats will also make the run to Cartwright if asked by the party. In any case, the bluefish blitz can be expected to last until Thanksgiving and may even stretch out into December with any luck n the weather.

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BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT: Noted in the November issue of Playboy Magazine, under the Playboy After Hours column: "The crew of a Nova Scotia fishing vessel, The Johnny & Sisters, was overjoyed at having netted a record catch of 30,000 pounds of fish. That is, until they remembered that the boat's capacity was only 15,000. The boak sank." (Moonlighting gillnetters taking weakfish in Great South Bay this spring, take note!)

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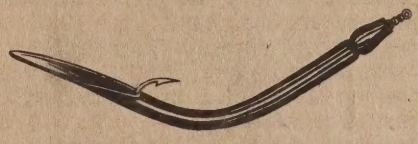
MONTAUK WEATHER: Angler's that are thinking of trailering their boats to Montauk to get in on the fall run should be allerted to the fact that they shouldn't, unless they have considerable experience and a good working knowledge of Montauk's waters. A few weeks ago three anglers in a 17 foot boat left the dock even though strong northeast winds were expected and never made it back. The boat capsized in heavy seas, and all were lost. This time of year the seas at Montauk can go from a flat calm to four and five foot curlers in short order with a sudden rise in the wind, which is very common. If your boat is less than a twenty footer or doesn't have a self-bailing hull, dont't gamble... charter a boat for the day or sail on one of the open boats.

If you have an outboard boat in the 20 to 24 foot class and decide to fish Montauk, the following precautions should be taken: make sure your gas tank(s) is topped off and you have plenty of gas. If your engine isn't in 100% running order, stay home. If you don't have a dual battery system, bring along an extra out of your car just in case.

Listening to boats calling for aid on the CB this year, I estimate that 4 out of 5 outboards that were broken down had dead batteries and couldn't start their engines. If you don't have a working CB radio, don't leave the dock. If you do run into trouble, use the radio to contact a boat with a VHF aboard and ask them to contact the Coast Guard for you. Stay in sight of other boats! Don't go running off down the beach or offshore in search of fish and get out of sight of any other vessels that you may need in an emergency. Don't sail unless you have heard an up-to-date Marine weather forecast. If you don't have a weather band radio, call Islip MacArthur Airport (516-WE-6-1212). Don't sail if the forcast is for anything more than 10 to 15 knots, or any wind speeds with the cop-out "with higher gusts" added to the end of the prediction. Keep an eye on the weather. Watch for changing conditions: rising winds, changes in wind direction, change of tide. If you have fairly calm seas despite a healthy breeze, be alert to the fact that a change of tide can change the seas into a nightmare. Look for the wind and tide to be compatible: North, Northwest or West winds mean calm waters with an outgoing tide, rough seas with incoming water. South or Southwest winds mean calm seas with an incoming tide, rough with outgoing water. Stay home if the winds are out of the East . Period.



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Scientific Approach To BIG Flounder

by Dr. William A. Muller

For years I thought of flounders in terms of half to three quarter pound critters sucking up a slimy sea worm. Those were the days before depth recorders and sophisticated angling approaches. A guy would push a rowboat around the shallow bays, bouncing from spot to spot, trying to scare up a few flatfish.

I was content, more than that, I was delirious to bring a few fish home to my mother; and somehow I never gave any thought to the possibility that large flounders were available in those same waters. Snowshoe flounders were a phenomena of deep water: Montauk, Cape Cod, offshore wrecks.

The thought of catching many flounders on almost every trip was also something for the winter daydreams, not April or October reality.

However, there was an experience whose significance completely eluded me at the time, but which would start the wheels turning many years later.

My father rented a skiff, (I don't remember the place anymore) but we gathered the usual info about how the fish were biting at buoy so and so and which chum was best, then pushed on out to the grounds in a damp, chilled, fog-shrouded morning. I guess I was about ten years old, and I huddled in the bottom of the rowboat seeking shelter from the numbing wind. We caught a few fish, but surely nothing spectacular. At about 10 A.M. the fog thinned and a hot sun began burning down.

The warmer the air became, the poorer the fishing we had. But there they were, emerging one by one from the lifting fog; all the livery boats gathered around buoy so and so.

A ten year old loses patience quickly, and I urged my father to move the boat to greener pastures. Eventually he succumbed, and then another move, and another. By noon he settled on a spot not 30 feet from a boggy patch of marsh. A few handfuls of chum, a few moments later, and the flatties began flying over the gunwale and many were of very respectable size.

"How come these flounders are so close to shore," I questioned. My father mixed a sound explanation of bottom contours, textures, and available food with a bit of philosophy. Why not just be happy that we found them?

The author with a couple of sea-run flounder taken in shallow water close to the beach.

Fifteen years later when I had become married to the scenic phenomena that is Peconic Bay, I began to have an increasing urge to catch big flounders: How, where, why, when?

Some of the places that I decided to fish were unique to say the least, and I drew more than an occasional snicker when I told other local anglers of my plans. I won't take any credit for creativeness or genius, but I will admit to being thoughtful about the process of fishing for flounders. The scientific approach, perhaps overdiscussed, is an essential process.

Take Doc Grell who wanders off to a private little hole in Great South Bay and and comes back with three pound beauties while the rest of the fleet is

ucky to get postage stamps. Don't you hink for one minute that ol' Grell scores because of luck. He succeeds because he had studied the bay, he has searched and wandered, he has tried over and over only to fail.

But each trip is like an experiment. All experiments yield results, be they negative or positive. Some anglers discard a fishless trip and never give it another thought. The smart fisherman stores the info and even though the experience may not have taught him what to do, it perhaps pointed toward many things that should not be done.

Anyway, the day came when Doc Grell put enough positive and negative bits of information together in order to succeed. He has earned every fish he has caught and every one he will catch!

The story is much the same in Peconic Bay. The boats stream like ants on a sugar trail towards the deep water. There are times when they succeed too. But I'll be darned if I'm going to fish all day for flounder with but 1-6 fish to show for all that effort. Those days are buried in my childhood. I look for size and consistency.

The first step is to recondition oneself. Stay away from the crowds. Why you ask? Good question, he says!

First of all, good catches of flounder require chumming to attract, gather, and hold the fish. When you fish in a crowd, all boats chum competitively. Result: each boat pulls a few fish and nobody scores well. Second, if the fish are few in number, you have placed yourself in a position of competition for a limited resource. Third, there are other spots that produce in addition to the one or two current "hot spots." Find them and succeed!

Conditioning is a powerful force in our lives and it is no less a factor in fishing. It is hard to strike out in different directions when the boats are queud up at buoy so and so.

It is necessary to psyche oneself up for the reconditioning process. Begin by asking yourself how and why does a flounder make a living? What do they eat? What conditions promote the growth and reproduction of the creatures the flounders forage for? Answer these questions well and you'll also answer the key questions of where and when the flounders will be active and schooled together.

Keep a log. This recommendation has been made thousands of times in dozens of publications, but it has been suggested because it's invaluable. Memory fades, blends, new memory associations confuse Monday with Friday, June with May, and the pace of our lives can blur anything.

Your log becomes your personal textbook within a few short years. You can check your memory about any of dozens of factors that help you to achieve your goal: More and bigger flounders.

Probing the bottom of this restricted harbor uncovered several small holes that produce good-sized flounder regularly.

Ok! Back to basics. What do flounders eat? They eat clam, oyster, and mussel spat, they eat worms, small crustaceans, and just about anything that's small enough and soft enough to swallow.

Where does this stuff grow in great profusion? It astounds me how many anglers fish for flounder over sandy bottoms and are surprised when they fail! Mud, mud's the key: rich, slimy, organic mud! That's where the action is.

It isn't necessary to look for mud in the deepest parts of the central bay. Mud is produced by the decay of organic matter such as marsh grass, sea weeds, leaves, bogs, etc. The organic matter will tend to gather near the place where it dies or falls into the water. Find a hole, trough, or depression close to a place near the plant life source of mud and you'll find the flounders eager to take a hook.

I've got sea-run fish in spots where you could step from the shore into the boat, and that's no exaggeration! I still fish from the boat, however, simply because chumming is easier and the fish is up and down instead of horizontal.

I like to fish in a current. That may sound more like strategy for bass or blues, but the flounders like the easy living too. In a current they can wait for a bait to come to them instead of spending precious energy looking for their food.

The scenario remains the same regardless of where or when you fish. But the soliloques change and the fishermen still has to fill in the blanks with detailed information.

Summarizing:

Avoid crowds because competition for available flounders is keen, and effective chumming is difficult.

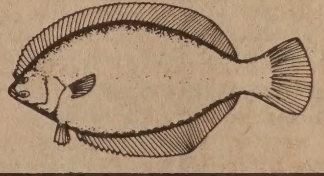
Look for bottom covered with productive mud. Mud rich in tiny worms and clam spat is best.

Don't look toward areas in the middle of the bay. Experimental fishing over any good mud bottom, regardless of depth, is likely to be rewarding.

Fish in the deepest portion of any particular small area.

Always chum with a pot.

When you change spots, don't necessarily move too far in any one jump.



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MONTAUK REPORT

by Scott Simons

Unrelenty winds have made fishing at Montauk difficult recently but a couple of days break in the weather should see the fishing come up to fall expectations. Striped bass fishing has been very disappointing to date with the wire liners working hard to drill out six to a dozen bass for a half day. Most of the fish being taken are in the 12 lb. class jigging bucktails or feathers around the Pollack Rip and Great Eastern area. Bluefishing inshore around the Lighthouse has been picky but the sub buoy is still producing its share of fish when the seas allow boats to get out there. The real hot spot for the bluefish is the Cartwright Grounds, where giant bluefish in the 15 lb. class are being murdered on whole herring. Sea bass and porgy fishing is now concentrated in the Block Island area, but there are still enough fish around the Point to make fishing worthwhile. Great catches of big bulldog blackfish are being taken on green crabs at the buoys marking Shagwong Reef. Codfishing has been only fair at Coxes Ledge, but anglers are taking mixed bags of cod, pollack, humpback porgies, large sea bass and big slammer bluefish.

Captain Freddy Bird of the open boat **Flying Cloud** reported that when the winds are light he has been sailing to the Block Island Grounds and loading up on big porgies and some big sea bass as fast as the anglers can get their lines in the water. On Saturday the boat fished south of Block Island and did very, very good with the fish. The water was too dirty around the Point from the high winds during the week. When the seas are rough they have been fishing on Shagwong Reef with green crabs for the big blackfish there. On Thursday the Captain, his mate and a friend took 3 bushels of blackfish there, many in the 4 to 5 lb. range and up to 10 pounds. On Sunday "The Kingfisher of Brooklyn" took the $30 pool with a 10½ lb. blackfish.

Captain Dusty Doerzbacher of the open boat **Little Bear** told us that he has just repowered the boat with a new engine and is now ready to go back after the great porgy and sea bass fishing around Block Island.

Captain Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** reported that the bluefishing at Cartwright has been absolutely fantastic. Virtually all of the fish are fifteen pound gorillas and there is no limit to the amount an angler can catch. The bass are not too thick yet, but Sunday morning Dick stopped and trolled at the Pollack Rip for a short time and took a ½ dozen bass in the 10 to 12 lb. range. Dick also said that due to a cancellation he has an open date for Election Day for a large or small group charter that wants to fish for "whatever"...blackfish, bluefish, striped bass, etc.

Captain George McTurck of the charterboat **Sportfisher** reported that it's been a little picky for the striped bass and the boats have been averaging about ½ dozen fish per trip. On Saturday afternoon 15 bass were trolled jigging bucktails on the incoming tide around Great Eastern. The bass averaged about 12 pounds and the largest went about 25. George said that he only has a few dates left in November for those that want to charter for the fall bass run. Give him a call.

Henry Colombi of **The Star Island Yacht Club** raved about the fantastic bluefishing at Cartwright Grounds. Giant bluefish of 15 pounds and up have been committing suicide on the herring baits fished on the bottom there.

John Tkacsik and Tom Marinacci with their catch aboard the "Viking Star"

Blackfishing is great at the Shagwong buoys, but green crabs are essential to a good score. All boats have been making such good catches, we only have room to make a quick listing of some of the representative catches. TUESDAY: Chuck Gatti on the "My Grain" took 42 blues at Cartwright on herring; Gene Hall on the "Witchcraft" 51 giant blues and 1 28 lb. cod on herring at Cartwright; John Phillips on the "Cap'n John" 23 blues on diamond jigs at the Sub Buoy and 7 bass at Great Eastern. WEDNESDAY: John Phillips on the "Cap'n John" 11 striped bass trolling parachute jigs at Great Eastern; Burge Diamond on the "4-of-Diamonds" 27 bluefish to 17 pounds on herring and six big sea bass at Cartwright; Pat Maeri on

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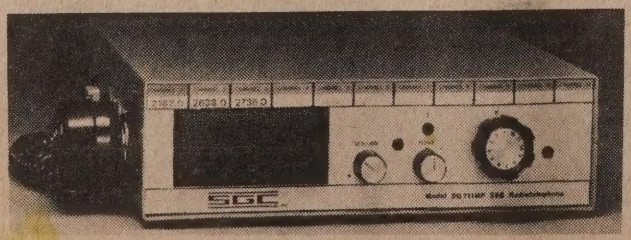

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"The Entertainer II" 18 bluefish and 1 12 lb. cod on herring, Cartwright. THURSDAY & FRIDAY were blown out. On SATURDAY Captain Bob Nystrom on the "St. Luce II" trolled 8 bass to 15 pounds and 1 bluefish around Great Eastern. SUNDAY; Ken Malone on the "Fortunata" took 11 blackfish up to 7 pounds at Shagwong. The "Friendship II" had 59 giant bluefish at Cartwright on herring and 60 blackfish to 9 pounds at Shagwong; The charterboat "Marie II" trolled 9 bass to 12 pounds in the afternoon; The "Stor Fisk" sailed Saturday night to 40 Fathoms and chummed for sharks on Sunday, taking a 220 lb. Mako shark and 4 blue sharks. A second Mako shark was also dropped.

Captain Brad Glas of the open boat **Helen II** reported that the bluefishing at Cartwright is absolutely fantastic and just couldn't get any better. Anglers are pulling in monsters of 15 or more pounds as fast as they can get their lines into the water. The fishing has been consistent every day for several weeks now and there are so many fish in the area that the amount of boats getting in on the action doesn't seem to bother the fish. One day during the week when crowds were light Brad and two mates took 83 of the bluefish between them in the short time they had while not helping the regular anglers aboard.

Captain Ronnie Grandinetti of the charterboat **Julie III** had five members of the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County New Jersey aboard on Saturday. The party, led by Emil Jaskot fished Saturday afternoon and caught 110 blackfish ranging from 4 to 10 pounds at Shagwong Reef on green crabs. On Sunday, Captain Ron had a charter of 4 led by Arnold Eldridge and they caught 100 blackfish up to 8 pounds at Shagwong.

Captain Art Munday of the charterboat **Darius II** was at the Cartwright Grounds on Sunday and the anglers aboard pulled in monster bluefish as fast as they could get their herring baits down into the water.

On Wednesday, I took The Fisherman's Grady White out to Cartwright as reported in my column and took 43 bluefish in the 15 lb. range. Returning for more of the same action on Sunday with friend Frank and Mike "The G". In 3 hours we boated 63 bluefish that had a combined weight of over 800 pounds. Score one for the bluefish...the middle finger of my right hand slashed neatly on the teeth of an avenging fish. It could happen to anybody.

Frieda at **The Cove Marina** reported that Sunday was the best day yet with striped bass being taken trolling buck tails or feathers right in front of the Lighthouse. Many of the bass were in the high twenties and one 37 pounder was weighed in. Bluefishing has been fantastic, fantastic, fantastic at Cartwright on herring bait. The "Mar-lee IV" took over 600 pounds of giant bluefish for 3 men in 2 hours of fishing. Sea bass have been excellent around the Elbow and north of Shagwong. Blackfishing has also been excellent around the Shagwong buoys using green crabs or skimmer clams for bait.

Captain Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** reported that the cod fishing was not too good during the week because of the high winds. But Sunday was nice as can be with calm seas and anglers loaded up. Although the cod action was only fair, many of those taken went 35 to 40 pounds and a few pollack to 20 pounds were mixed in. Anglers are filling their bags with a mixed catch of giant humpbacked porgies to 5½ pounds and giant sea bass to 7 pounds and giant bluefish. When you put your line down it is grabbed instantly, and you don't know what you have until you get the fish in. Real pot luck fishing. Lester noted that the ride to Coxes Ledge is only 2 hours and 5 minutes on the new boat.

The **Peconic Queen III's** Nantucket Wreck Trip on Monday got a real break with the good weather and all fishermen aboard loaded down with all the cod they wanted and the boat even returned early as a result. 5 anglers from Babylon, Dan Coffey, Rod Westerlind, Fred Merkel, Tom Marks and George Vestesed, took 78 big codfish between them. Byron Mylod, Vinny Coucci and Steve Bauman of Hicksville combined for a catch of 63 cod. The 3 pool fish weighed in at 56, 53 and 52 pounds. Almost all of the fish taken were cod with a few big pollack mixed in. The wreck that was fished was very clean and Les said he didn't think that five sinkers were lost on the entire boat. The next special Nantucket Wreck Trip will leave at 10 PM on Sunday, October 31st and return Monday night. Reservations only, give Les a call.

The **Viking Skipper II** reports that between gusts of wind, the porgy fishing held good all week long. Captain Buddy Dorman announces that starting Friday, Oct. 29th he will be sailing open on a daily basis at 5AM for stripers.

Captain Art Munday of the **Darius II** called on Monday to tell us that he has finished offshore fishing for the season and is now booking full day inshore trips. A typical day is trolling for striped bass in the morning and then switching over to the big bluefish at Cartwright or big blackfish now in strong at Shagwong.

LATE NEWS FLASH: Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called as we were going to press to say that the "4-of-Diamonds" trolled 10 striped bass up to 28 pounds at Great Eastern on parachute rigs Sunday afternoon.

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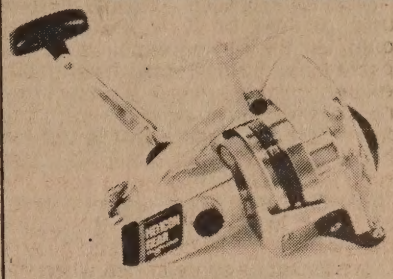

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** reported that none of his boats sailed due to the high winds on the weekend and very few boats were able to get out during the week either. Big flounders are starting to show off Promised Land and Hicks Island and should steadily improve if the weather cooperates. The bluefish and porgies are just about gone from the area.

SHINNECOCK

Captain Clark Bellows Jr. of the **Captain Clark Boats** reported a good weekend for blackfishing on the Peconic Bay wrecks. Saturday's fishing was particularly good with the pool fish about 8 pounds. Catches were down during the week because of the high winds, but the pool fish was usually in the 10 lb. range. The usual green crabs and fiddlers are the best baits.

Fred at **Altenkirch's Tackle** reported that striped bass were being taken in the Shinnecock Inlet on incoming water around first light. Trolling bucktails has been producing bass in the 18 to 20 lb. class consistently. Flounder are just starting in Shinnecock Bay. Last week a surfcaster took a 51 lb. 9 oz. bass on a mackerel chunk at South Hampton Beach.

HAMPTON BAYS

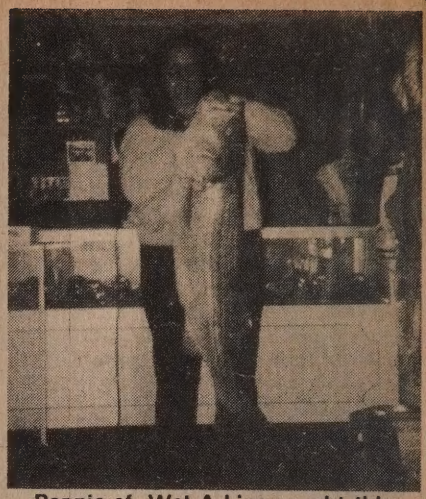
Ron at **Tony's Fishing Station** reports very good fishing for a nice mixed bag whenever the wind is light enough for boats to get out. Ross Tropiano and his girlfriend took 61 nice flounder up to 1½ pounds, average size ¾ of a pound at buoy 12, which is one of the hot areas. Flounder, sea bass and porgies are providing a mixed bag at buoy 17. The Coast Guard Station is also producing good flounder fishing, and striped bass are being taken in Shinnecock Inlet just before first light trolling bucktails and live-lining eels.

MORICHES BAY

Al Lassen at the **Hi-way Fishing Station** reported that the flounder fishing is just starting and the high winds have been keeping the catches down, but the flounder action is expected to pick up as soon as the winds die down for a couple of days. The fish that are being caught are good size ranging up to 1½ pounds.

L&M Marine reported that striped bass are being taken in Moriches Inlet around dusk both chumming with clam bellies and live-lining eels. Very few people have been flounder fishing due to the high winds.

Romona Seifert of the **Silly Lily Fishing Station** reported that very good mixed bags of sea bass and flounder are being taken in the holes around buoy 42 on worm or clam for bait. A couple of weakfish were also taken during the week. Crabbing is still very good with traps around buoy 42, and one angler took 4 dozen blue claws by himself in a few hours one day during the week.



Ronnie of Wet-A-Line caught this 35 lb. striped bass on a live eel on outgoing tide at Smith Point.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports lots of flounders on the Heckscher flats and on the north side of buoys 4 and 5. Eels and porgies are also being taken from this area on worm and clam.

OAKDALE

Howie's Fishing Station reports that the ever present angler Don, this time with wife took a good mixed bag of big blowfish, porgies and seabass at buoy 12 on clam and squid during the week. Bruce Turnbull another regular took 24 flounders and some sea bass at buoy 4 on squid.

BAY SHORE

Smokey.'s Bait & Tackle reports that flounder are picking up in the flats behind Good Sam and north of Range channel on blood worms. Weak fish in front of the lighthouse on live blackfish, with flood tide working best. Blacks on the reefs are super duper. Still some seabass and porgies around on clam and squid baits while bluefish are in thick over wrecks such as the Oregon and San Diego. Still bass are being taken from the beaches and mainly on live eels from Cedar beach to West End Beach. The Sore Thumb area is producing bass on live blacks on an ebbing tide. Lots of crabs still in the bay.

CAPTREE

The Captain Ben Litwin reported taking loads of blackfish on Sunday on the local bay wrecks and Kismet Reef. Mrs. Litwin took 12 blackfish herself in

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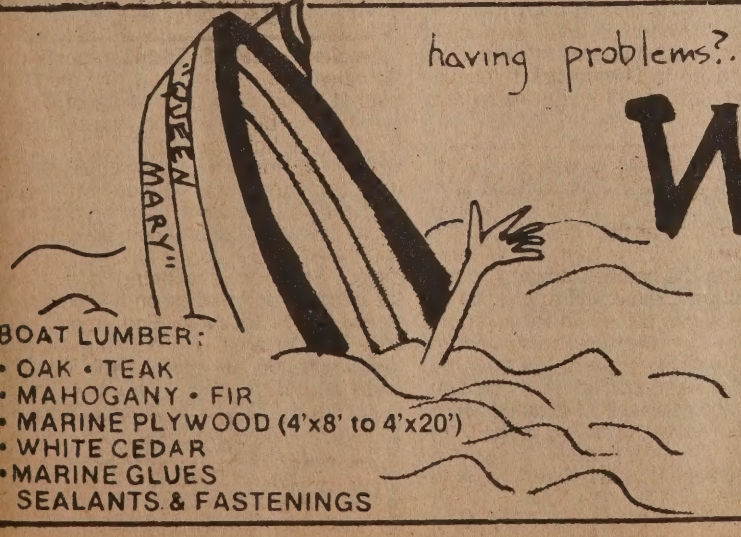

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Captain Neil Delanoy of the charter-boat **Lady Ann** reported that the black-fishing is very good on the bay wrecks and the Kismet artificial reef. On Saturday a charter from the Home Insurance Company was aboard and the anglers averaged 8 to 20 blackfish per man. On Sunday the bluefishing was tough pickings, but night fishing Saturday night was very good either south or east of Fire island Inlet in 90 feet of water. Neil told us that the **Lady Ann** is running a special offshore wreck trip for cod sailing at 4 A.M. on Election Day. The trip is being limited to 30 anglers, fare is $20, and single reservations are being accepted by phone.

Captain Carl Bauer of the **Captain Whittaker** told us that the blackfishing was still good over the weekend with anglers averaging about 15 fish per man. Average black is 1 to 1½ pounds and the pool is usually in the 5 lb. class. Best blackfish areas are the local wrecks in Great South Bay and the Kismet artificial reef. Best action is around both sides of the change of tide when the water movement has slowed down. Fiddlers and skimmer clams for bait. High hook on Sunday was 22 fish and the boats are now carrying light crowds, so come on out.

BABYLON

Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** tells us that the flounder have started and are building in the Gilgo area of the state channel on blood worms. nice bluefish in the 13 to 15 pound range have been brought in during the entire past week by the off shore boys. Good porgy and sea bass catches all around the bay though the strong winds of the past week kept a lot of anglers in.

LINDENHURST

Dukes Bait & Tackle reports lots of blacks at the Kismet Reef and the bridges on fiddlers and green crabs. Sea bass on the outer reef very good on squid. Flounder fishing good right now and building at Bergen Point and in the State channel between the Babylon and Amityville cuts and also in the Oak Beach Cove. Big weakfish are being live lined between the red buoy and the Coast Guard Station and also being wire lined off Cedar and Gilgo on tubes, spoons and swimming plugs. Kings, blacks and porgies in the State Channel at Gilgo hole. Blues being trolled on wire from 30 to 50 feet of water. Duke weighed in a 45 lb. 9 oz. striper taken on a lupo bunker spoon trolled in 50 feet of water off Cedar Beach by Lindenhurst angler Teddy. Big crabs in the deep holes and the best of the bass has yet to come.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait & Tackle tells us that Mike Kempterr had 6 weaks from 8 lbs. 8 oz. to 12 lbs. on small blackfish at Kismet and in front of the lighthouse. Eleven big weakfish were taken a day before Mike's catch on another boat, same area.blacks are showing very good at the Kismet Reef and at the bridges on fiddlers and greencrabs. Flounder catches are building all over the bay on worms and clam. A few blues and bass have been taken this week at Point Democrat and off the Cedar and Gilgo beaches, mainly on live eels. A 17lb. blue fell to a live eel one morning this week.

AMITYVILLE

George combs Bait & Tackle informs us that blues are being trolled in good numbers in 25 to 60 feet of water from Jones inlet west. Over to the east from the inlet a few bass are being hung off Gilgo and Tobay. Big fish are being marked. The Meadowbrook bridge is producing bass on live blackfish and bunker. The Sore Thumb area is also producing large weakfish. Flounders are picking up at Squaw and West Islands on blood worms and clam, while blackfishing is very good at the bridges and the reef with green crabs tempting the bigger fish.

SEAFORD

Captain Eddies Fishing Station reports very good blackfishing on green crabs at the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh Bridges. Flounders are showing while not in quantity yet, the fish caught are thick and on the increase. Weaks are being caught by some on flounder rigs in fair numbers at the 3rd Wantagh and along the Massapequa shoreline east of Massapequa Cove on worms. nice size porgies and some seabass are also their.

BELLMORE

Roy at **Merrick Marine Supplies** informs us that there is good bluefishing this past week and weekend in 50 to 55 feet of water on wire line using tubes and spoons. A few bass have been taken on spoons but action is spotty. Roy says that there are plenty of flounder in the bay on worms and clam and the fish are fat.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports that very good bluefishing has been taken place anywhere from dawn to late afternoon on trolled plugs, umbrella rigs or tubes and also for those diamond jigging. The fish are big but are spooky and a lot are being dropped. Some stripers have been taken and Jimmy weighed in a 27 and a 12 lb. 9 oz. bass. These fish are hitting umbrella rigs and bunker spoons. Lots of flounders are being taken now from ½ to 1½ lbs. on worms and red clam. The far end of Broad Creek is producing, as is Merrick Point and Rowboat alley. The blackfishing at the bridges and at the T'wreck with crabs remains very good.

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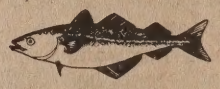

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Captain Richie of the **Starstream II** reports good catches of seabass and porgies with a few blackfish mixed in at the local wrecks. They are catching one fish per man with seabass up to 4 lbs. and an occasional 5 lb. blackfish thrown in.

Captain John of the **Aloma** reports good seabass fishing at local wrecks along with the porgies. The blackfishing is picking up with a few being taken every day. The **Aloma II** is doing very well in the bay on the flounder population with about 15 flatties per man.

On Sunday Captain Al did very well at the Cholera banks with lots of seabass up to 4 lbs., blackfish up to 6 lbs. and a few porgies, fluke and bluefish and the Capt. said there should be no problem getting 80 fish per man.

The **Blue Fin II** called to report that on Saturday they fished Cholera and took a mixed bag of blues and sea bass. The blues were hitting on smelts and live bergalls and live seabass fished just off the bottom. The charter was by Hebrew National Foods. On Sunday the **Blue Fin I** fished Cholera and areas south, also bagging blues and seabass, with one seabass in the 5-6 lb. range. This was a charter by Sonny's Fishing Club of Queens. On Sunday Capt. Sy fished local wrecks with the new boat staying with the blackfish. Close to 200 fish were taken with a lot of 3 pounders mixed in plus some seabass. The boat was chartered by Kelly's Bar of Ridgewood.

Roy at **Mako Marina** tells us of Steve Nadel on the Nomad who took a 17 lb. striper and 14 lb. bluefish over the weekend. Roy says there have been other catches of blues numbering 30 and 40 fish or so running 12 to 14 lbs. Captain Jim Lanzaretta of the charter-boat **Nite Owl** had a charter out on Sunday and while codfishing they started to take 2-3 lb. bergalls, which on the way up were being engulfed by 18-20 lb. bluefish. Real alligators. Jim filled the fish box with 25 of these monsters, fishing in 130 feet of water.

Bob at **Hook Line & Sinker Bait & Tackle** informs us that bluefish have been taken this past week in the inlet on tubes and umbrellas in good numbers. Fish are mixed sizes, most between 4 and 8 lbs. Bob says flounders are all over the bay on sand worms and clams. The piers along with swift and long creeks came to Bobs mind. Stripers at the Meadowbrook bridge in the evenings for trollers or live bait fishermen and also bass are being trolled and taken from the beaches of Lido.

Frank's Fishing Station reports good flounder fishing on the West side of High Flats drain with 20 to 25 flounder per boat a good average on worms and clam on all tides, fish up to 1¼ lbs.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports some flounder being taken in Skow Creek, Middle Bay, Baldwin Bay and Swift Creek, on bloodworms and clam. Blackfish on fiddlers a good bet at the bridges and into any rock jettys. blues and weaks and a few bass were trolled on tubes and umbrellas and live bunker in 35 to 40 feet of water. The bass being caught are in the 25 lb. class. Also stripers are being plugged by a secretative bunch from the marshes along side the Meadowbrook Bridge spans.

LONG BEACH

Mike Nichols of the **Long Beach Sports Marina** took a 52 lb. bass on a live bunker at the Rockaway jetty and will have it mounted by Island Taxidermy. Blackfish up to 6 lbs. can be taken at the Silver Point jetty on green and fiddler crabs. Blues are being taken at the Atlantic Beach bridge on bunker.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports great flounder fishing now. On Sunday, Bruno Mike and Tom had 99 flounder up to 2 lbs. taken from the flats on bloodworms and clam. Swift creek and Fundey also produced well for the flatties. Average fish ran 1 lb., with lots of double headers. Lafayettes and sand porgies are also being taken. The Meadowbrook bridge and the jettys are producing very good blackfish catches on green crabs. a 23½ lb. bass was taken at the Meadowbrook Bridge this week on a trolled umbrella rig.

Mike Nicklos caught this 50 pound 5 ounce striped bass drifting live bunker at Long Beach. Photo courtesy of Island Taxidermy.

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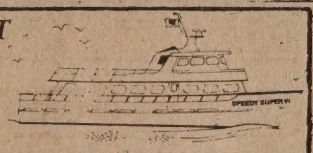

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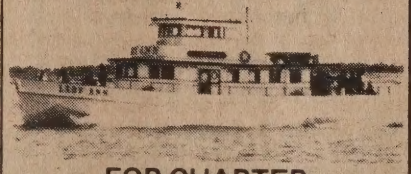

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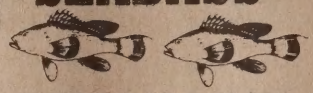
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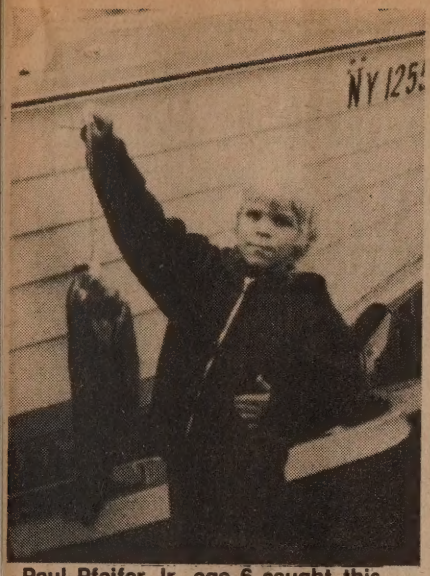

Paul Pfeifer Jr. age 6 caught this 4½ lb. blackfish at Kismet Reef on fiddler crabs. It was won of 12 blacks taken aboard the "Caro-Ann". Subscriber Club Photo.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle reports good flounder fishing in Reynolds Channel and Swift Creek with 20 to 30 of these one pounders being taken per boat on worms and skimmer clams. Blackfish up to 6 lbs. can be caught under the bridge and at the rock jettys on fiddlers and green crabs. Surfcasters are taking bass from 6 to 9 lbs. on Lupo plugs at the Silver Point jetty. Bass up to 20 lbs. are being taken clam chumming at the Atlantic & Meadowbrook bridges.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Rod & Gun reports good flounder fishing in the bay with these flatties up to a pound being taken on worms. Blackfish are still being taken at the North Channel bridge on crabs. Lafayettes and porgies are slowing down with the cold weather. Striped bass fishing at the Breey Point jetty is picking up on plugs or clams.

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The **Eagle** reports excellent seabass and blackfishing with an average catch being 30 fish per man. These fish are being taken off the Jersey Coast between Sea Bright and Highlands.

The **Helen H** reports good catches of blues in the 2 to 10 lb. range off Sea Bright on bunker and smelts. The average catch is 3 to 10 fish per man and the pool fish is usually in the 10 to 12 lb. range.

Bay End Dock reports 5 to 8 lb. stripers are being taken at the Round House on white bucktails. Bluefish up to 17 lbs. are being taken off Coney Island rolling umbrellas and tubes. Blackfish can be caught at the Marine bridge and local wrecks up to 3 lbs. on fiddlers and green crabs.

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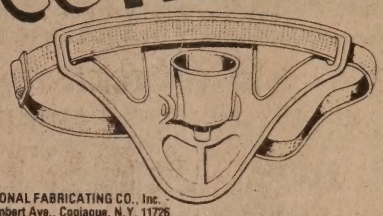

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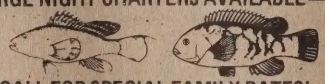

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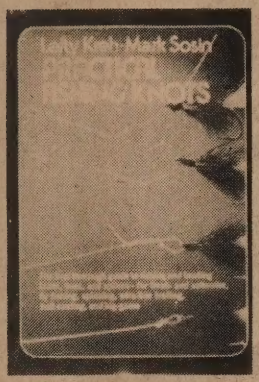

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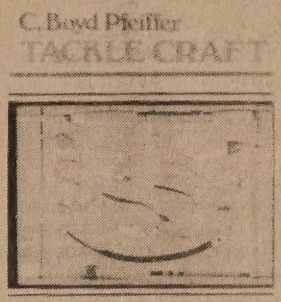

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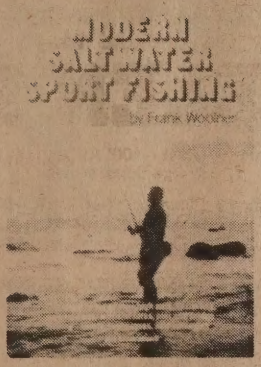

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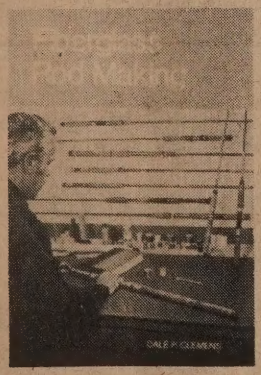

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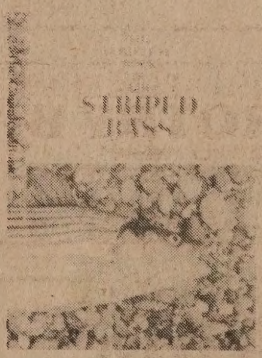

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ORIENT POINT

Orient by the Sea Marina reports good bass and blue fishing in the Gut with bass up to 25 lbs. and blues up to 12lbs. both being taken on yellow bucktails and pork rind. Blackfishing is very good north of Plum Island with these 5 to 10 pounders being taken on fiddlers and green crabs.

GREENPORT

A. P. White Bait Shop reports good blue and bass fishing in Plum Gut on yellow bucktails and pork rind. Bluefishing is also good at Pigeon Rip and the Race with fish up to 10 lbs. being taken on butterfish and diamond jigs. Blackfishing is excellent at Gull Island and Plum Gut with these fish being taken on fiddlers and green crabs. You can also take blacks up to 6 lbs. off the Greenport Jettys and docks. There is good flounder fishing at Orient between Point and the State Park.

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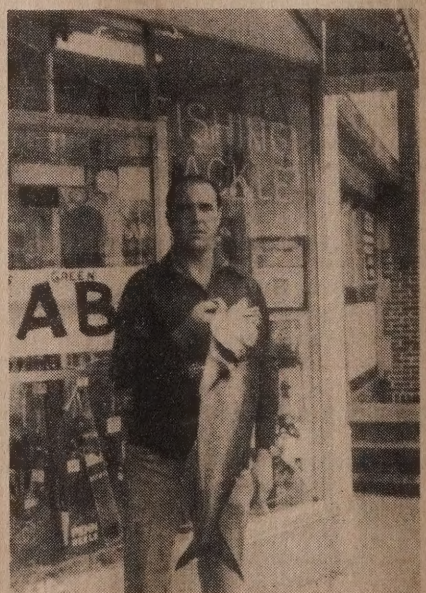
The **Wilhelric** did great on blackfish at Gull Island with lots of 7 to 8 pounders with a few larger ones thrown in.

Dave Green of the **Pooka V** reports fantastic bluefishing in the race with loads of 15 to 17 pounders being taken on bunker or bucktails. There are also plenty 5 to 7 pounders being taken diamond jigging at Pigeon Rip.



Michael Moloney of Jackson Heights took this 10 lb. bluefish from the shore at the Lilco Plant in Northport on a 1 ounce Kastmaster. Photo courtesy of Bowman's Sporting Goods.

George Pascrella of Bayville with a 26½ lb. bass taken at the Lilco outflow on a live snapper. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reports excellent blackfishing on the lighthouse with fish up to 10 lbs. being caught on green and fiddler crabs. Flounder up to 1½lbs. can be caught at the fish traps from the tip of the Island to the Port of Egypt Station on mussels, clams and worms. Flounders can also be taken on the east side of the Greenport breakwater.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue reports excellent blackfishing in the sound with these 5 pounders being taken on green and fiddler crabs. Blues up to 18 lbs. can be caught at Kenny's Beach on chunk baits. Bass up to 28lbs. are being taken at Duck Pond on M&M 2½ oz. poppers. Flounder up to a pound are starting to show in the bay and can be taken on worms. Bass and blues can also be caught wirelining bucktails at Horton's Point.

ROCKY POINT

Nick's Bait & Tackle tells us of excellent blackfishing at Rocky Point with these 2 to 6 pounders being taken on fiddlers and green crabs. Also many blackfish can be caught on Wildwood State Park on crabs. Blues up to 10 lbs. are being taken at Wading River on bunker. Porgy fishing is slowing down and flounder fishing is picking up.

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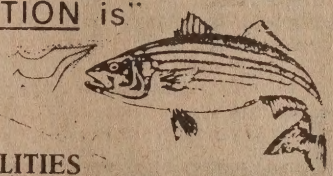

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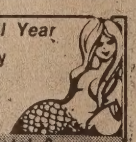

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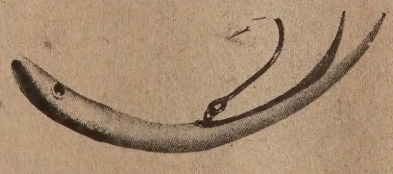

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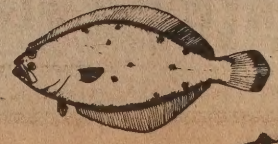

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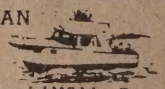

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Joe Argiro of Northport took this 16 lb. blue on bunker in Northport Harbor. Photo courtesy of Bowman's Sporting Goods.

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Dick's Sporting Goods called to say that Setauket angler Alfred Grebe nailed a 15 lb. 8 oz. bluefish on Saturday morning at Stony Brook inlet on a bunker chunk. Blackfishing is excellent along the Miller Pl. beach and porgy fishing is still holding. Stripers are picking up now, a few falling to floated worms and live eels.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports excellent blackfishing at Old Field Point, Cranes Neck, Mt. Misery and other rocky areas with these fish up to 12 lbs. being taken on green crabs. Bob Belano of Pt. Jeff took a 45 lb. bass at Wildwood State Park using live eels at night. Blues can be taken at the Mt Misery Shoals diamond jigging.

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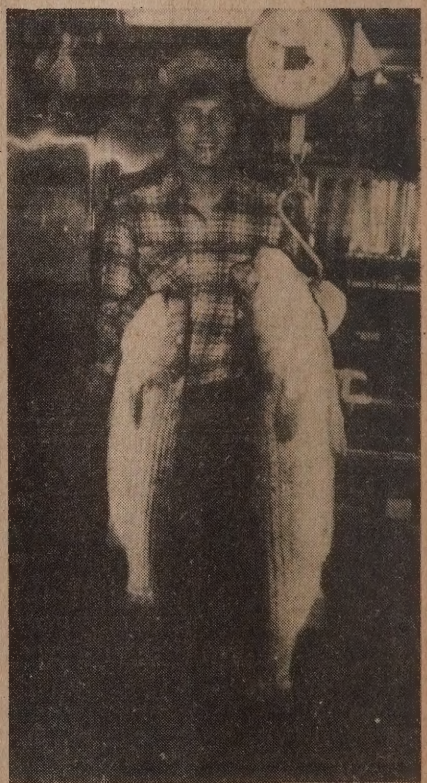

Jamie Keller took these bass of 36 pounds 8 ounces and 10 lbs. 10 oz. off Wading River on a Gibbs yellow darter. Photo courtesy of Nick's Bait & Tackle.

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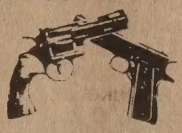

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HUNTINGTON

Ronnie's Bait & Tackle tells us that blackfishing is the best bet with fish up to 9 lbs. being taken at Eaton's Neck, Target Rock and Morris Rock on green and fiddler crabs. Bass up to 12 lbs. can be taken at Marshall Field and Target Rock trolling worms. They can also be taken at Eaton's Neck clam chumming. Flounder up to ¾ lb. are being taken on worms in Lloyd and Huntington harbors.

Captain Don of the **Everready Fleet** says that the blackfishing is good and building at 11B. Saturadays pool blackfish ran 7¼ lbs. and Sundays was 8 lbs.

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Moreland's Bait & Tackle reports flounder fishing is good in the bay with fish up to a pound being taken on worms. Blackfishing is good in all rocky areas and they can be caught on green, fiddler crabs and worms. Bass can be taken at all points up to 10 lbs. trolling worms.

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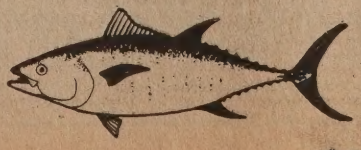

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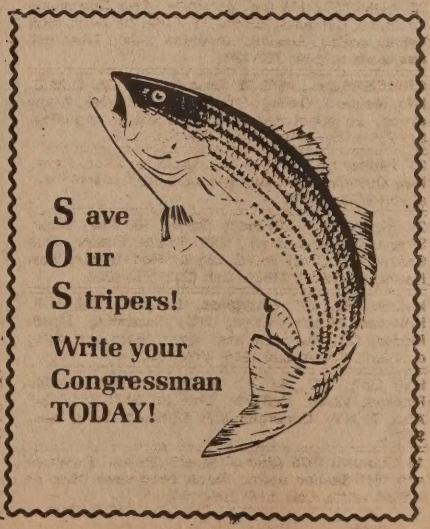

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CHUCK HAYES, wt. 13-2, Beckman's Tackle
FRANK STENGER, wt. 14-12, Beckman's Tackle
ROGER SPAHN, wt. 13-12, George Combs B&T
SUZANNE INGERILLS, wt. 12-0, Stella Maris FS
JOHN PERISICO, wt. 13-0, Beckmann's Tackle
JOE ESPOSITO, wt. 12-3, Salvo's B&T
PAUL LOUZAN, wt. 14-5, Frank's Marine
WALTER KUPIEL, wt. 14-2 ½ Duke's Tackle Shop
WALTER KUPIEL, wt. 15-2, Duke's Tackle Shop
MICHAEL HYDE, wt. 15-5, Silly Lily FS
JACK SHERWOOD SR., wt. 13-13, Santo's Sport Shop
JAMES ANDERSON, wt. 12-5, Rocky Pt. FS
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WILLIAM CALDELL, wt. 13-0, Angler's Den
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NOEL INZERILLE, wt. 7-8, Stella Maris FS
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J. SHERWOOD JR., wt. 11-6, Santo's Sport Shop
MARC ANKER, wt. 12-6, Warren's Bait and Tackle
DR. E. ANKER, wt. 11-9, Warren's Bait and Tackle
RALPH KRAUSE, wt. 12-8, Four Winds Tackle
JEFF Mc GAHA, wt. 12-12, Four Winds Tackle
TOM WENZEL, wt. 14-7, Four Winds Tackle
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BRIAN FADROWSKI, wt. 2-1, Cross Bay Rod and Gun
RICHARD RIDKY JR, wt. 9-0, Star Island Yt. Club
BILL MARSA, wt. 6-2, Four Winds Tackle
VAN NAMER, wt. 6-10, Salvo's Bait and Tackle
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TOM RUNALDI, wt. 6-5, Rocky Pt. Fishing Stop
WALTER KAPRIELIAN, wt. 7-1, Star Island Yt. Club
WALTER KAPRIELIAN, wt. 6-4, Star Island Yt. Club
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FRED SOCHA, wt. 7-12, Stella Maris FS
RICHARD RIDKY JR., wt. 9-0, Star Island Yt. Club
ROBERT CULLINAN, wt. 7-0 Star island Yt. Club
ARTHUR KARTEN, wt. 6-1, Eddie's Marine
PETER WALLACE, wt. 7-4, Salvo's B&T
DONNA WICKS, wt. 11-8, Cove Marina
FRANCIS MC CARTHY, wt. 7-0, Stella Maris FS
JIM PIGEON, wt. 10-8, Smokey's B&T
DOROTHY KANI, wt. 9-8, Cove Marina
GLENN KANI, wt. 5-0, Cove Marina
RAY PETRONE, wt. 6-4, Cross Bay Rod and Gun

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JOE MARSZALEK, wt. 6-1, Promised Land FS
HIRAM EBERHARDT JR., wt. 7-1, Promised Land FS
CARLTON TOLSDORF, wt. 7-4, Noyac Marina
E. KISTNER, wt. 6-7, Promised Land FS
E. PALMESE, wt. 7-2, Port of Egypt
LARRY ROOK, wt. 9-6, Port of Egypt
ARTHUR MALKIN, wt. 8-3, Port of Egypt
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MAX SCHNETTER, wt. 8-0, Four Winds Tackle
FRED SCHNETTER, wt. 6-4, Four Winds Tackle
WILLIAM FAND, wt. 7-12, Port of Egypt
BILL DAHERTY, wt. 6-9, Angler's Den
THOMAS ROMANO, wt. 6-8, Nick's B&T

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SANFORD & RICHARD PINES, wt. 18-12, Cove Marina
BILL BOTERUS, wt. 8-9, Cove Marina
DON BOTERUS, wt. 7-8, Cove Marina
BENNETT LEVINE, wt. 19-12, Cove Marina
ANTON KANI, wt. 18-11, Cove Marina
STANLEY KLEIN, wt. 14-2, Cove Marina
MICHAEL SCHWEIGHARDT, wt. 7-10, Cove Marina
ROBERT HELMER, wt. 7-12, Cove Marina
MELBA LEON, wt. 9-8, Cove Marina

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CAPT. R. RIDKY, wt. 38-0, Star Island Yt. Club
BILLY COLLINS Jr., Wt. 50-2, Four Winds B&T
JOSEPH DE RITA, wt. 26-4, Beckman's Tackle
ANDREW GALENO, wt. 30-3, Cross Bay Rod and Gun
R. RIDKY, wt. 38-0, Star Island Yt. Club
GEORGE PASCARELLA, wt. 26-10, Ronnie's B&T

SEABASS

AMY ARNOLD, wt. 3-12, Cove Marina
R. KELLY, wt. 3-4, John's Gun & Tackle

PORGY

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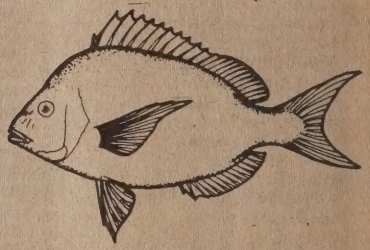

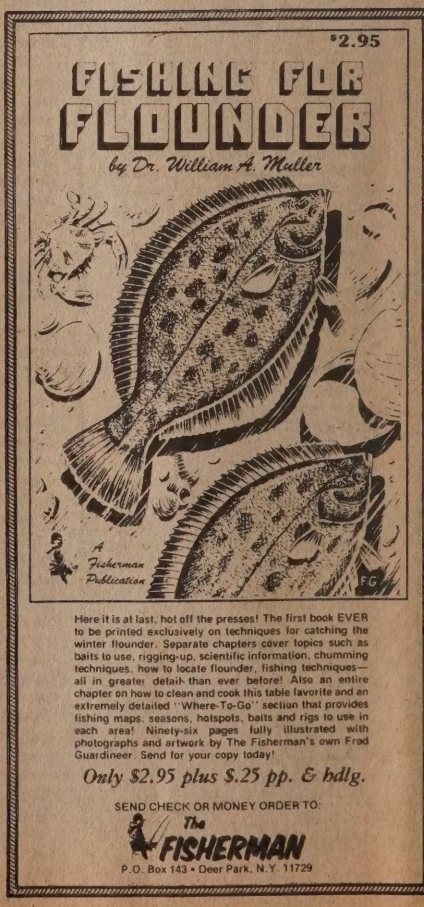

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	6:44	7:03	7:23	7:45	7:16	7:36	8:07	8:33	9:58	10:30	10:07	10:33	6:35	6:59	10/21
FRI.	7:33	7:53	8:11	8:34	8:03	8:26	8:52	9:23	10:48	11:21	10:56	11:23	7:22	7:46	10/22
SAT.	8:20	8:41	9:00	9:23	8:49	9:15	9:41	10:12	11:39	—	11:44	—	8:12	8:37	10/23
SUN.	9:08	9:30	9:44	10:13	9:41	10:09	10:30	11:05	12:11	12:28	12:12	12:32	9:02	9:26	10/24
MON.	9:58	10:23	10:40	11:07	10:34	11:06	11:21	11:59	1:03	1:18	1:02	1:21	9:52	10:19	10/25
TUE.	10:51	11:19	11:33	—	11:32	—	—	12:15	1:55	2:11	1:55	2:14	10:45	11:12	10/26
WED.	11:42	—	12:03	12:29	12:07	12:30	12:55	1:13	2:56	3:09	2:48	3:09	11:41	—	10/27
THUR.	12:19	12:43	1:01	1:32	1:07	1:29	1:56	2:17	4:05	4:23	3:46	4:09	12:10	12:39	10/28

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide , add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 ½
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

10/7	7:03	6:32
10/12	7:09	6:23
10/17	7:14	6:16
10/22	7:21	6:08
10/27	7:27	6:01

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
10/23	10/29	10/8	10/16

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	3:05	**9:45**	3:35	**10:10**
FRI.	3:55	**10:35**	4:25	**11:05**
SAT.	4:45	**11:30**	5:20	**11:55**
SUN.	5:40	—	6:15	**12:35**
MON.	6:45	**1:20**	7:20	**1:40**
TUES.	7:55	**2:15**	8:25	**2:45**
WED.	9:00	**3:20**	9:30	**3:50**
THURS.	10:05	**4:25**	10:35	**4:50**

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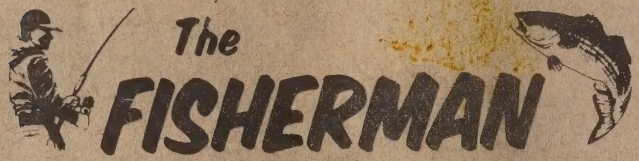

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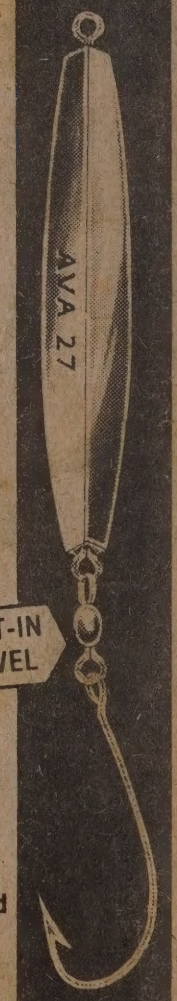

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